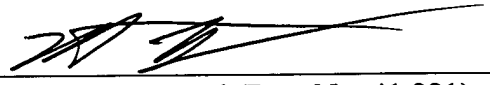


**REMARKS**

Claims 1, 2, 12, 17 are amended with only Claims 9, 22-24 canceled and with Claims 25-29 added. No new matter is added by way of these amendments, and the amendments are supported throughout the Specification and the drawings. Independent Claim 1 has been amended to include the features of previously amended dependent Claim 9. Pursuant to paragraph 3 of the Office Action, Claim 1 along with its dependent claims is respectfully submitted to be in condition for allowance. Pursuant to paragraph 4 of the Office Action, Claim 21 is allowed.

In light of the foregoing amendments and remarks, early reconsideration and allowance of this application are most courteously solicited. Should the Examiner consider necessary or desirable any formal changes anywhere in the specification, claims and/or drawing, then it is respectfully asked that such changes be made by Examiner's Amendment, if the Examiner feels this would facilitate passage of the case to issuance. Alternatively should the Examiner feel that a personal discussion might be helpful in advancing this case to allowance, they are invited to telephone the undersigned.

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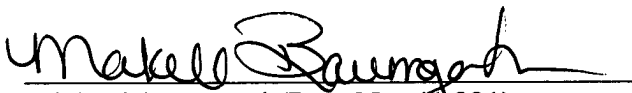
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